

SIR PERCY SCOTT

TO VISIT S. AFRICA WITH CRUISER SQUADRON.

The Admiralty announce that it has been decided that a squadron of South African cruisers shall visit the South African Colonies. The squadron will consist of the Admiral Sir Percy Scott, K.C.V.O., in command, and the cruisers Antrim, Carnarvon, and Devonshire, of the Second Cruiser Squadron, Rear-Admiral C. H. Scott in command, and the First Cruiser Squadron, in Sir Percy Scott's place.

The announcement is of more interest than appears on the surface. The proposed visit to South Africa is a powerful squadron, and a naval manoeuvre in the interest of peace. It has been common knowledge for some time that the Admiralty hoped to find some means of ending a method honourable to both.



SIR PERCY SCOTT. (Photo, Daily Mail.)

officers, the unfortunate situation which has arisen since last autumn between Lord Charles Bessford, the Commander-in-Chief of the Channel Fleet, and the Rear-Admiral commanding the associated cruiser squadron. The fact that this Rear-Admiral is the hero of one of the most famous incidents in the story of the South African War—the mounting of 4.7 in. naval guns for service ashore in the defence of Ladysmith—must have led the authorities irresistibly to the conclusion that he should go out in command of the squadron selected for the service.

A Fine Squadron. The squadron which Sir Percy Scott will take out has been seen in the Cape, and no doubt a visit will be made to Natal. The colonists, on the other hand, are not unfamiliar with Admiral Scott's flag, as it was in the Good Hope that Mr. Chamberlain made his famous voyage. Now she is about to return, accompanied by three armed cruisers of even more recent construction. They constitute a force which in speed has no equal under any foreign flag, and they are well armed and armoured. Each vessel has, in fact, a belt with a maximum thickness of six in. In brief detail, the following are particulars of the four ships which will leave for South Africa in the early autumn:

Displacement	Armament	Commanding Officer
Good Hope, 10,000 tons	12 in. 12	Capt. E. H. Grafton
Antrim, 6,000 tons	6 in. 12	Capt. W. C. Pakenham
Carnarvon, 6,000 tons	6 in. 12	Capt. J. M. B. H. H. H.
Devonshire, 6,000 tons	6 in. 12	Capt. J. M. B. H. H. H.

The Good Hope, under ordinary service conditions, has steamed at 24.54 knots, and the other three vessels can steam at from 22 to 23 knots.

THE NAVAL SIGNAL.

TRUE STORY OF THE BEREFOORD SCOTT INCIDENT. The official version of the signal given during the recent manoeuvre in Lord Charles Bessford, and which was ignored by Sir Percy Scott on the ground that in carrying out the order the safety of his ship would be jeopardised, was forthcoming this week in the Commons. Viscount Castlereagh asked if any communication had been received at the Admiralty from the Commander-in-Chief of the Channel Fleet as to an imminent collision between the Good Hope and the Argyle. Mr. McKenna: The Board had heard reported to him, and he had examined the position of the Fleet at the moment the order of the Commander-in-Chief was signalled, and they were satisfied that the manoeuvre was not dangerous. (Cheers.) At the same time the Rear-Admiral, as he thought there was risk in carrying out the order, was justified in turning the other way, and the Commander-in-Chief so informed him by signal at the time. (Hear, hear.)

Origin of the News. Earl Winterton asked the First Lord of the Admiralty to find out who was responsible for the false communication made to the Press that Lord Chas. Bessford had jeopardised the safety of two of his Majesty's ships. Mr. McKenna said he had no knowledge who sent the communication, and it was impossible for him to find out. He assumed it was sent by some person in the Admiralty, and he thought it was a mistake. Mr. McKenna said he had no knowledge who sent the communication, and it was impossible for him to find out. He assumed it was sent by some person in the Admiralty, and he thought it was a mistake. Mr. McKenna said he had no knowledge who sent the communication, and it was impossible for him to find out. He assumed it was sent by some person in the Admiralty, and he thought it was a mistake.

ANGRY PROTEST.

NATAL AND DINIZULU'S SALARY.

There is serious friction between the Government and the Natal Ministry arising out of the decision of the British authorities to pay the salary of Dinizulu, the Zulu chief, who is accused of fomenting the recent native revolt, pending the result of his trial. On hearing of this decision the Natal Ministers called that they emphatically repudiated all responsibility for any delay that had occurred in the settlement of Dinizulu's claim. The message from the Natal Ministers then proceeded:

Ministers protest in the strongest possible terms against the threatening action on the part of His Majesty's Government, which can have no other effect than to prejudice Dinizulu's forthcoming trial, and also operate as a very strong incentive to further acts of rebellion on the part of the native population of this colony. Ministers have recently received from various reliable sources evidence of unrest amongst the natives, and it is the direct outcome of the continued interference on the part of His Majesty's Government. Ministers would again solemnly warn His Majesty's Government of the very serious position that is being created by the action of the home Government by their attempt to belittle the authority of the natives of South Africa.

Lord Crewe replied in a telegraphic despatch on July 23, in which he stated that His Majesty's Government regretted that the colony's Ministers should feel obliged to record their protest against the Government's decision. It was the intention of the Government to await the decision of the Supreme Court on the legal construction of the conditions of Dinizulu's return to Zululand, but his decision had been delayed, and the Ministers' protest felt it to be their duty to bring to an end an embarrassing situation.

In the first place, in view of the very definite obligation which the pledge given to Dinizulu imposes upon his Majesty's Government they could not allow his defence to be prejudiced, as it clearly would be, by the lack of funds, for they are satisfied his resources are by no means adequate to defray the heavy expenses of his trial. Moreover, the recent decision of your Ministers that the trial should take place before a special court rendered it impossible that Dinizulu's trial would be prejudiced by payment of his salary. In the second place, His Majesty's Government are ever more concerned to avoid the contemplated legal proceedings in this country. They regard it as highly undesirable that the conflict of opinion between the Governments of law and that adverse criticisms should be passed, as they inevitably would have been before an English tribunal, on the action of your Ministers. These were their reasons for deciding to pay the salary from the Imperial funds. If now, or at any later date, your Ministers should desire to adjust the matter by friendly negotiations they will find His Majesty's Government willing to discuss any proposals they may be able to make.

Dinizulu's Complaint.

According to a Reuter message from Pietermaritzburg, Dinizulu, upon being committed for trial, declared that he was innocent, and said that if his lawyers had been allowed to enter Zululand his innocence would have been proved. Owing to his long incarceration, he said he had been unable to arrange his defence. The prosecution had intentionally poisoned the public mind against him by introducing hearsay evidence, notwithstanding the protests of his counsel. Selected criminals and personal enemies of his had been made to testify to untruths. This was only keeping with the bias, prejudice, and injustice characterising the whole inquiry. Dinizulu says he reserves his defence until the day when he is permitted to avail himself of his right under the law. He is charged with treason, sedition, public violence, the murder of Gence—a native doctor formerly employed at the Tlentu kraal, murdered on April 5, 1906, with inciting to murder Gence and Mapepe, and with contravention of the Firearms Act.

GUARDIAN ACQUITTED.

JUDGE ON "A MOST DISGRACEFUL PROSECUTION." At Clerkenwell Sessions John Wilmut, 40, engineer, of Tollington-road, Holloway, a member of Islington Board of Guardians was found guilty of having stolen £112, money of a partnership account. Prosecution was by David Lemm, for whom Mr. Coumbe appeared. Mr. Roath, who defended, submitted that the matter was solely one of account. While prosecutor was under cross-examination the jury intimated that they desired to hear no more, and returned a verdict of not guilty. The judge, with some warm remarks, pronounced it is the most disgraceful prosecution I have heard for many years. It was a question of account between the parties. To turn a criminal court into this is a gross abuse of it. Mr. Roath, "in justification of this unfortunate man," asked leave to call the detective in the case.

ORIGIN ABUSE OF THE COURT. Mr. Coumbe said that if defendant had conferred with prosecutor the matter might have been settled. The Judge (emphatically): Is that a reason for this prosecution being brought here when it should have been determined elsewhere? It is one of the grossest abuses of this court I have seen for many years. Det. Sgt. Kendall said defendant held a very respectable position, and bore an unblemished reputation. The Judge, addressing defendant, said: "You are discharged with stain on your character, and keep the reputation you have held in the past." Defendant, who had surrendered to his bail, was then liberated.

THE FEEBLE MINDED. The report of the Royal Commission on the state of the Feeble-Minded proposed the establishment of a central board of control in England, Scotland and Ireland, and far-reaching alterations in procedure respecting mentally deficient persons, notably in respect of criminals and children.

NEW TORPEDO FACTORY.

The Admiralty has placed a contract with a Manchester firm for the construction of a torpedo factory at Greenock. The estimate is £20,000. The torpedoes will be tested in Loch Long, some miles away.

TARIFF REFORM.

POLICY THAT IS SURELY COMING.

Dr. A. Shadwell, the well-known investigator of industrial conditions, writes to The Times a warning that we may expect a serious depression next winter. He has, he says, spent the past winter and spring in the largest seats of industry in England, and a conviction has forced itself upon his mind from accumulated evidence that we are going to have a very bad time indeed. One after another he has seen magnificent workshops, completely equipped with the most modern and perfect appliances, shut up. He adds: "This is not an ordinary depression due only to the universal see-saw of trade. It is greatly aggravated by the result of national economies and the slackening of Government orders. Furthermore, the standing residuum of unemployment, which steadily increases, not from year to year, but from period to period, is perceptibly swollen by the reduction of Government establishments and the discharge of men, both workmen and soldiers. Then there is a special cause in one large district. The engineers in the north-eastern shops have been away from work for several months, and are evidently going to stop away till their funds are exhausted, when that happens they will find little work to go back to, and will join the labourers automatically thrown out of work as paupers."

Bound to Come. I draw two conclusions from these and other signs, a direct and an indirect one. The first is that unem-

A JUDGE'S ORDER.

LEADS TO DIFFICULTIES WITH A BANK.

In the Chancery Division, before Justice Swinfen Eady, the case of the International Securities Corporation (Ltd.), which deals in foreign premium bonds, and was described previously as a thoroughly fraudulent company, by his lordship, who made an order for the compulsory winding-up, was again before the court—Mr. Gore Brown, K.C. for the Official Receiver, explained that Mr. Harry Benson was managing director of the corporation and also managing director of Feltham's Bank, in which the corporation had on July 10 a balance of £17,160. The winding-up petition was presented on July 2, and subsequently Mr. Benson drew five cheques against the corporation—£3,125 in favour of himself, purporting to be three months' dividend at 10 per cent. on £35,000 shares; £15,800 in favour of the bank, the effect being to transfer that sum from the corporation's current account to deposit account; and £200, £300, and £800 respectively in favour of himself, the bank, or bearer. His lordship said he had no doubt it was a fraudulent contrivance to impede the Official Receiver in taking possession of the assets of this most unfortunate and fraudulent company. He ordered the bank to pay at or before 5 p.m. that day £13,800 to the Official Receiver, and Benson to pay within the same time £3,125 and £200 and £300.

The Bank Stopped. As a sequel to the proceedings recorded above, Justice Swinfen Eady has appointed a provisional liquidator.

A RADICAL TRICK.

EXPLOITING THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT.

That the Old Age Pensions Act would be exploited by the Radicals for all—and more—than it is worth was to be expected, but a letter which has been circulated by the Downend and Southwell (Gloucestershire) Liberal Association is an electrifying trick characteristic of the party in the winding-up, was again before the court—Mr. Gore Brown, K.C. for the Official Receiver, explained that Mr. Harry Benson was managing director of the corporation and also managing director of Feltham's Bank, in which the corporation had on July 10 a balance of £17,160. The winding-up petition was presented on July 2, and subsequently Mr. Benson drew five cheques against the corporation—£3,125 in favour of himself, purporting to be three months' dividend at 10 per cent. on £35,000 shares; £15,800 in favour of the bank, the effect being to transfer that sum from the corporation's current account to deposit account; and £200, £300, and £800 respectively in favour of himself, the bank, or bearer. His lordship said he had no doubt it was a fraudulent contrivance to impede the Official Receiver in taking possession of the assets of this most unfortunate and fraudulent company. He ordered the bank to pay at or before 5 p.m. that day £13,800 to the Official Receiver, and Benson to pay within the same time £3,125 and £200 and £300.

Dear Sir or Madam.—As you are probably aware the present Liberal and Free Trade Government is making provision for an old-age pension. The above association is compiling a register for this district of persons who are 70 years of age, or who will attain that age this year.

The committee of the association desire to place their services at the disposal of any person who is eligible, and will assist such to obtain the pension. Communications are to be addressed to "The Hon. Secretary of the Liberal Association," Mr. Balfour made reference to this letter in the House of Commons, and said he regarded it as a scandalous and a political organisation, and hoped the Government would, by every means in their power, prevent a gross abuse of this kind. Mr. Lloyd-George said he agreed that it would be a grave misfortune, and might easily become a

THE WEEK IN WESTMINSTER.

Foreign Affairs.

It cannot be said that the closing week at Westminster before the summer recess for the House is as uninteresting one. As a matter of fact, in both Houses matters of moment have to be discussed. Beginning with foreign affairs in the House of Commons on Monday Sir E. Grey made one of those quiet and reasonable speeches of his which are the admiration of friend and opponent. Listening to him I was once more amazed at the easy manner in which he discusses subjects of the utmost international importance which a lesser man in his position would only talk about in public with bated breath. The truth is Sir E. Grey, as the Opposition are only too ready to acknowledge, is a strong man who knows his subjects, and what is more, knows his own mind about them, and thus equipped there is no need to pick his words in expressing well-formed opinions. His welcome of the sudden change in the condition of things in Turkey was whole-hearted, albeit one rather tinged by a lack of confidence in the hopes he expressed for a continuance of the new era of things between the Sultan and his people, who are overjoyed at the grant of a new constitution. The Foreign Secretary said what has often been said before as to the absence of real contact and sympathy between England and Germany. Altogether an interesting speech, delivered by one of the most interesting personalities in the present Parliament.

Lords and Old Age Pensions.

On Tuesday the Old Age Pensions Bill was in committee in the Lords, and Lord Rosebery, no doubt with an eye to the future, deprecated making amendments to a measure which might easily raise a question of the privileges as between the two Houses. Taking up the point of privilege, Lord Lansdowne was not slow to affirm that the Upper House had its rights just as much as the Lower, and those rights were being encroached upon by the manner in which Bills were presented to them, and by the fact that so much of the legislation which came from the Commons was but half digested. As events turned out, the Lords were not deterred from amending the Old Age Pensions Bill, and Lord Cromer, declining to respond to Lord Rosebery's appeal, managed to secure acceptance of his proposal that the Act should lapse in 1915. As he explained, this would not deprive anyone of the right to a pension secured before that date, but what it would secure was that before the end of 1915 Parliament would have to deal with the subject again with a view to the adoption of a better and a new system of giving old age pensions. This is a point which it is only fair to Lord Cromer should be made clear. The amendment was carried by 77 votes to 45, although it was pretty well understood that the Commons would not agree to accept it. When the matter came before the House on Friday the speaker, as was anticipated, pointed out that it touched the privileges of the Commons, and the amendment was rejected without more ado.

South African Affairs.

To revert to Tuesday, the time was mainly taken up in the Commons with a discussion of South African affairs, in which Mr. Lyttelton, while supporting the Government in respect of the payment of Dinizulu's salary, adverted once more to the hypocrisy of the Chinese labour cry, pointing out that the coolies to-day were indentured on terms almost exactly similar to the conditions obtaining with John Chinaman. While he pleaded for a more sympathetic consideration of the case of the Chinese labourer, he frankly acknowledged that since Mr. Churchill had left the Colonial Office they had not had the same abuse of the British minority in the Transvaal as formerly. "On almost every occasion the late Under Secretary preface his statements with a whoop of loyal minority and sarcasm," while the loyal minority had been also subjected to "jeers and insults." Certainly Col. Seely reveals a very different type of manners from his predecessor, but he went very near to losing his character in this regard by creating a scene. In the face of well-known facts he declared that the people of the Transvaal voted against the Chinese labour, and when Mr. Stuart Wortley denied this and pointed to the significant change of front of the Transvaal Government after the £5,000,000 loan had been offered them Col. Seely simulated great indignation at a "disgraceful and unworthy suggestion." It is a disgraceful and unworthy suggestion, and again in and out of Parliament, and no satisfactory answer to it has ever been given. A display of bad manners and ill-temper is no answer to it.

Motor-Cars.

Both in the Lords and Commons on Wednesday the speed of motor cars formed a subject of discussion, and while the public will naturally agree with all that was said about the dangers of injudicious driving, and the discomforts of the dust nuisance, there will be those who will agree with Lord Montagu of Beaulieu's plea that in framing further legislation regard should be had to the growth and importance of the motor industry. There were, he said, 60,000 motor-cars and 20,000 motorcycles in use, and considering that they covered 500 million miles a year, 1,000 accidents per annum was really not extraordinary.

The Unemployed.

Mr. Burns, who, in the other House, gave some interesting particulars of the measures taken to inquire into dust prevention methods, had to lay some dust on his own account, raised by the Labour party in regard to the administration of the Unemployed Act. Of the unemployed grant £124,000 had, he said, been devoted to England and Wales, of which London and its surrounding districts had received £104,000. There were 90,000 men registered and 3,000 women. Of these registered 54,000 were qualified and 37,000 received work. Sometimes

TAKING THE MUZZLES OFF.



Eminent Statesman (save the mark!): "I wish I could keep them all muzzled during the holiday, but they shall have them on again in the autumn."

employment will be very widespread and distress acute. All the agencies, official and voluntary, which will have to deal with it should mature their plans beforehand. If I am wrong, no harm will be done and they will be ready for the following winter. The second is that the policy of tariff reform will create a great stimulus. It is certainly coming, and it may come with a rush, which will take its advocates by surprise. Let me respectfully offer them two pieces of advice. One is not to promise too much, not to treat working men like children who must be coaxed with sugar-plums (that should be left to the Socialists), but to address them as self-respecting men, appeal to their manhood and tell them the truth. That tariff reform is, from the economic point of view, a disagreeable necessity forced upon us by the action of other countries, and that it will cost us something, but that we shall get our money's worth in other ways. The second piece of advice is to get their plans ready in detail, to have their schedule of rates at least in a state of preparation. Perhaps they are so already, and I am doing them an injustice.

The Rock in Midstream. Let me add that I speak merely as an observer, and that I sincerely hope this will not happen. I hope the present Government will remain for at least two years longer; but I see a bearing down upon a tremendous rock in mid-stream, which bears the name of "Unemployment," and from the paddies they are using them I gather they do not even see it."

tor of Feltham's Bank (Ltd.), Victoria-st., W., with directions to act at once, and take possession of everything. Mr. Waggett for the Official Receiver, informed his lordship that the money had not been paid as ordered. Mr. Benson is not here," said Mr. Waggett, "and it is suggested that he has gone to Paris." Mr. Burgess, Assistant Official Receiver, stated that he attended at Feltham's Bank on Wednesday afternoon with the judge's order. He saw Mr. Dakin, the manager of the bank, who told him that he could not make any payment until he had seen the bank's solicitor. Witness asked Mr. Dakin if he would prepare any arrangement for the purpose of meeting the order, and received the same reply. Mr. Waggett: Has any money been paid by sum? No money has come in. On this evidence counsel asked his lordship to appoint a provisional liquidator of the bank. His lordship: Yes, with directions to take possession at once. Mr. Waggett: The order applies to all the assets of the bank? His lordship: Take possession of everything. Mr. Waggett: With regard to cheques presented? His lordship: He must make no payments.

REGISTER! In view of the approaching revision of the voting lists, all Unionists are urged to ascertain that their own names and those of Unionist friends, tenants, or servants are properly placed on the next register of electors for any borough in which they may be entitled to the franchise. The necessary forms and information can be obtained on application to the local Conservative registration agents.

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he had had to be firm and appear harder than he really was, but they could not govern the Empire with a Cabinet of Sunny Jims, or administer the unemployed grant so as to satisfy a number of sentimentalists. His department were not going to lose their heads, and were not going to be driven into foolish action by panics mongers and others, who did not hesitate to use the unemployed question for the furtherance of their own ideas. He intended to face the winter with a golden heart, but not with a head of quicksilver, and if the problem was left to him he would sit quiet when panics-mongers were at work, and yet he hoped to do his duty to the best of his ability.

Private Enterprise.

Members had reason to complain that an attempt was made to take up the greater part of the time which was to be devoted to the Appropriation Bill in discussing the private bills for the supply of electricity in bulk, particularly as this was the only remaining opportunity of raising the many questions of which no time had been given in Supply. As it was, several hours were occupied with one of the three bills, but as it turned out the time was not ill-spent. For it revealed the Government in a pleasant position of standing up for the merits of private enterprise against the onslaughts of those rabid Radicals who would municipalise everything. The truth is, those responsible for the government of the country know full well that to cripple private enterprise for the sake of Socialistic spoliation is the worst disservice possible to the common good, and while men who are now unequipped to maintain their impracticable theories which charged the responsibilities of office to Mr. Balfour on the Appropriation Bill made a vigorous attack on Irish administration, and in spite of the figures of growing crime and lawlessness which he quoted Mr. Birrell pretended to be satisfied on the whole with the state of Ireland.

Winding Up.

Friday was devoted to disagreeing with the Lords' amendments, and discussing in a sultry fashion the motion for adjournment. Wednesday saw the end of things Parliamentary until Oct. 12, and we all heaved a sigh of relief when the curtain was rung down on the Westminster stage.

"THE PEOPLE'S" M.P.

"TRADE DISPUTES."

PRIVILEGES OF TRADE UNIONS.

In the Appeal Court, before the Master of the Rolls and Lords Justices Farwell and Buckley, the defendant in the case of Conway v. Wade appealed from a judgment of a Divisional Court dismissing his appeal from a verdict and judgment entered for the plaintiff at the trial of the action in the South Shields County Court. The plaintiff, a boiler scaler, sued the defendant, a delegate of the National Amalgamated Union of Labour, to recover damages, alleging that Wade had procured his dismissal from his employment by threats and coercive acts. A few years ago the plaintiff joined the union, and had failed to pay, as ordered, a fine of 10s. He afterwards became an employer, and ceased to be a member of the union. In 1907 he ceased to be an employer, and again joined the union, but did not pay the fine of 10s. Wade went to the works where Conway was employed, and, it was asserted, said to the foreman: "If Conway does not pay the fine, there will be trouble with the men," and added that there was trouble about money matters between Conway and the union. The plaintiff was dismissed, and commenced an action against Wade for damages.

A PREJUDICIAL POSITION.

The defence was that Wade had not been guilty of the act complained of, and, further, that he had been expelled from the union. The facts showed that there was a "trade dispute," and that he was entitled to the protection afforded by the Trade Disputes Act, 1906. At the trial the jury found in favour of the plaintiff, and awarded him £50 damages, and judgment was entered accordingly. The defendant appealed to the Divisional Court, which dismissed the appeal. The Master of the Rolls, in giving judgment, said it was plain that the main object of the Act was to put trade unions in a peculiar and preferential position, and that the defendant was entitled to the protection afforded by the Act. He thought, therefore, that the appeal must be allowed, and judgment entered for the defendant, with costs. The Lords Justices concurred.

A CABINET MINISTER'S SIGNATURE.

At Hatfield Sidney Broughton Pope, late of North Mimms, was charged, on remand, with forging a mortgage deed for the sum of £3,500. Accused man was an estate agent to Mrs. Burnes, at North Mimms, to whom Mr. L. Harcourt, His Majesty's First Commissioner of Works, is related by marriage. It is alleged that accused forged Mr. Harcourt's name on the mortgage deed. As it was impossible for Mr. Harcourt to be present owing to pressure of Parliamentary duties, a further remand was ordered.

SO DIFFERENT!

Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., complains that very few politicians are sincere. Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd-George he declares, talk sincerely from the front benches, but direct or smoke together afterwards. So different from Mr. Keir Hardie and the King—"Punch."

REPERCUSSION.

Who's "FERTILE EARTH" has become famous for and wide for what it is worth—one of the most popular, simple and agreeable factors in maintaining health, it is the best and simplest preparation for removing the action of the liver that has yet been discovered, and removes acids, gout, rheumatism, morbid, or any form of poison from the blood. CAUTION.—Examine the Capsule, and see that it is marked "FERTILE EARTH" and "WATERBURY'S." The simplest form of safety—LIVER-TOXIC—(Glad.)

BRADFORD CRIME.

BRUTAL MURDER OF A CASHIER.

SENSATIONAL ARREST.

Yesterday Det. Sgt. Knowles, of Bradford police, made a sensational arrest in connection with the diabolical murder of Mr. Theo. Wilkinson, aged 56 years, of the service of Messrs. Fieldhouse and Jowett, dyers and sizers, of Listerhills, Bradford, who had died a few hours earlier from the effects of terrible wounds inflicted on him in the town office of the firm. The scene of the audacious crime was a narrow alleyway between a row of houses and the Town Hall. The first discovery that anything was amiss was made by a young man named Sam Jowett, employed by a firm which rent an adjoining office. He heard a thud and groans, and on going into Messrs. Fieldhouse and Jowett's office he found Mr. Wilkinson lying on the floor in a pool of blood. He summoned assistance, and the police were sent for. When the unconscious man was examined he was found to be suffering from terrible injuries to the head, which had been cut open to such an extent that his brains protruded. He was promptly removed to the hospital quite unconscious, and died a few hours later.

A Blood-stained Poker.
In the meantime an examination had been made of the small office. It is only poorly lighted, and several things which had at first escaped detection were then found. Chief Det. Insp. Talbot and Det. Broadbent came to the conclusion that there were ample evidences to have taken place, and the floor was covered with blood. The stool had been overturned, and there was also a blood-stained poker near by which, it is stated, does not belong to the office. As indication of the ferocity of the attack adhering to the man's brains, the whole appearance left little doubt that he had been brutally murdered. Further inquiries elicited support for the theory of foul play.

What an Office Boy Saw.
An office-boy informed the police that he had seen two men loitering about, and one of them, who was respectfully dressed, followed Mr. Wilkinson into the building carrying a parcel which, it is supposed, contained the poker. The two men were of medium build, and were seen to leave a few minutes later. One of them, it is further alleged, said to his companion: "Come on, I have done it." Robbery was at first supposed to be the motive prompting the murder, and it was seen that Mr. Wilkinson's assailant or assailants were acquainted with his habits. Their intention, it is surmised, was merely to stun him with what they could lay their hands on. Finding that they had injured Mr. Wilkinson more than they had intended, they made off. Wilkinson had apparently not been to the bank as was his custom on Fridays, for some cheques were found upon him. His watch and chain were also untouched, these facts tending to disprove the robbery theory. Mrs. Wilkinson, upon hearing of the occurrence, went to the infirmary, and she was present when her husband died.

The Arrest.
All through Friday night the local police were searching for Wilkinson's assailant. Several useful clues came into their possession, and these were followed up with tireless energy. As a result, Det. Sgt. Knowles, early yesterday apprehended John William Elwood, aged 41, an insurance agent. He was in bed at the time, and when told he would be arrested on a charge of murdering Mr. Wilkinson dropped his head, but subsequently said, "I know nothing about it." From inquiries made by a Police representative it appeared that Elwood was at one time a colour-sergeant in the 70th Foot. After quitting the Service he went through the Matabele War as a volunteer. He is a native of Lincoln, married when he was stationed at Aldershot, and has four children. Elwood, it is stated, is a member of the firm employing Wilkinson, and worked there himself until dismissed. There are rumours that he fancied that Wilkinson had something to do with his leaving the firm's employ, but on this point nothing definite has been ascertained. Accused was brought before the magistrate yesterday afternoon and remanded.

The Inquest Opened.
The inquest was opened yesterday. The only witness called was Annie Wilkinson, the widow, who stated that she last saw her husband alive 10 minutes before he died, at the infirmary, and remained with him to the end. On Friday he came home to dinner at one o'clock, leaving at two. He then told her he was going into the town. Between half-past five and six o'clock she heard that something had happened to him, and went to the infirmary. A juror asked whether Mr. Wilkinson had ever complained about being visited at the office, and she replied, "Never." The inquest was then adjourned until Wednesday week.

CITY MAN'S SUICIDE.
Yesterday Mr. F. D. Thomas inquired into the death of W. H. Evans, 61, of North Side, Wandsworth Common, who committed suicide by taking poison in his office at Watlington City, on Wednesday. The widow said that for the last few weeks deceased had been worried and depressed by financial and domestic matters. Mr. Duncan Evans, a son of deceased, said that on Wednesday evening he missed his father and went to his room in the office, found the door closed. Looking through the letter-box he saw him sitting in a chair in the corner. The door was forced, and he found his father unconscious. He was taken to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where he died shortly afterwards. On a slip of paper in deceased's handwriting were the words, "I can't stand it any longer. I have done my utmost. My head is dreadful." It was found that deceased had taken pure carbolic acid from a bottle which contained enough poison to kill 400 people. The inquest, whilst temporarily insane.

STABBED TO DEATH.

ASSAILANT'S SUICIDE IN PRISON.

SENSATIONAL ARREST.

A pastry-cook of French nationality, Geo. Backenstrass, 30, living in Little Goudge-st., Tottenham, Court-road, was charged, at Marlborough-st., with murdering a cook named Pierre Auguste Ferdinand Alletree, employed at the Bath Club, by stabbing him with a knife. P.C. Scarlett deposed that on Monday night he was on duty about 30 yards from the tradesmen's entrance to the Bath Club, Berkeley-st., when he heard someone call out, "Come on, policeman." At the tradesmen's entrance to the club he found prisoner detained by the night porter, who said, "This man has stabbed a man outside," to which prisoner replied, "He hit me first." Outside the building a boy handed witness the knife produced a small pointed kitchen implement which he picked up from the gutter. At the time Alletree was lying on the kerb with blood upon him, alive but unable to speak. He was taken to St. George's Hospital, where he died shortly after admission. Mr. Fehrlin, the court interpreter, translated the evidence to prisoner, who put no questions to the witness, but said, "I must say I was attacked first." He demanded a **Dramatic Sequel.**

The inquest on the body of Alletree was held at Westminster by Mr. Troutbeck, who said he had communicated with the Governor of Brixton Prison regarding the inquest in order to give the accused man, the Backenstrass, an opportunity of attending to hear the evidence, and the governor had informed him that Backenstrass committed suicide in prison the previous morning. Louis Ayraud, a sauce cook, employed at the club, said Backenstrass was a quiet and reserved man. He had some malady, and for that reason he was avoided by the other men. "We never ate any of the pastry," witness added, "because of his illness." Continuing, witness said that Backenstrass and Alletree did not agree about their work. They would jaw one another about anything. He heard the sauce cook say to the pastry cook that they could settle matters outside, and the other replied, "Good!"

"No Man Stabbed Me."
Both dressed themselves and went into Berkeley-st. When witness was going out of the door another cook named Griffin called out: "The pastry cook has stabbed your chef." As the pastry cook ran past, witness seized him by the arm. The knife belonged to the pastry cook. Deceased ran back to the club with his hand over his heart, and pointing to the pastry cook said, "Arrest him; he has stabbed me with a knife." After several other witnesses had been called, the prisoner pointed out to the jury that Alletree started the quarrel, but that, if his opponent had been alive, they would have had to commit Backenstrass on the capital charge. The jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Backenstrass.

"DASTARDLY ACTION."

ANONYMOUS LETTER-WRITER CONDEMNED.

A case in which the facts were out of the usual course came before Mr. Wallace, K.C., at the Clerkenwell Sessions, where Thos. Blewett, 35, cook, pleaded guilty to having stolen a parcel, containing two suits of clothes, from a van belonging to Pickford's (Ld.), Blewett, having in 1908 undergone three months' imprisonment, was in 1907, for another offence, bound over under the Probation Act, he having made an effort to wipe out the past. Det. Worsfold reported that after this prisoner obtained honest employment, and worked exceedingly well until he was discharged in consequence of an anonymous communication which informed the firm of his connection. Mr. Wallace said prisoner had regularly reported himself to the probation officer, Mr. Wm. Wheatley, and after his dismissal he went to the magistrate and sought advice. It would seem he had committed the theft in order to have his case investigated. That was a most improper thing, and if he came to the court again he would receive a severe sentence. As it was, he would be given another opportunity under the Probation Act. His lordship said no words could be too strong to condemn the dastardly action of the writer of the anonymous letter when a man was striving to do his best to retrieve his character.

THE EARLY BIRD.
A man asked Sir F. Cory-Wright, at Highgate, "Am I liable to lose my singing blackbird?" After a painful pause Sir Francis said, "Of course, you are, if you leave the cage-door open." It happened that the man had been served with a notice under the Nuisance by-laws to abate the nuisance caused by the singing of his blackbird. Sir F. Cory-Wright said he never heard a more ridiculous thing than to call a singing blackbird a nuisance. He had a good many himself, and he wished he had hundreds. Insp. Thomas said the police had no objection. The complaint was signed by two residents, who said the bird sang at five in the morning, and they could not sleep for it. Sir Francis told applicant to go home, and be wakened. If what he said was true he would dismiss the summons.

COAL MINERS' WAGES.

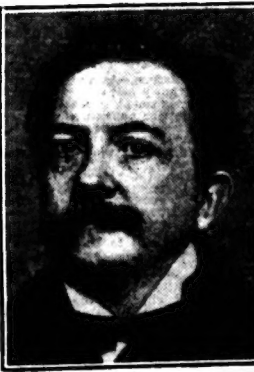
The movement for a reduction of coal miners' wages has reached Cumberland. A stoppage is imminent at the Alston Col. Co. for colliers in West Cumberland, the owners refusing to submit the case to the Arbitration Board, and the workmen declining to accept the proposed reduction, which is 21. per ton of coals, 10 per cent. off shiftmen, and 5 per cent. off surface men. The men should have consented yesterday, but notice has been extended a week in the hope of a settlement.

ELEVEN "WIVES."

AMAZING CHARGE OF BIGAMY.

ACCUSED COMMITTED.

Huddersfield Borough Police Court was again crowded, when the hearing was concluded of the case against James Walker, described as a confectioner and doctor, of Bristol, who had been identified as Samuel Chas. Joseph Woodward, solicitor's clerk of Derby, and who, it is alleged, has 11 wives living. The charges preferred



JAMES WALKER. (Photo, Graphic Union.)

against prisoner in this case are as follows:

1902, Dec. 19.—Bigamy at Newcastle by marrying Eliza Dawson.

1898, March 23.—Bigamy at Leicester by marrying Jane Whittle.

1906, Sept. 25.—(1) Uttering a forged mortgage deed at Carlisle; (2) forged handwriting of bank with witness said mortgage at Penrith; (3) feloniously receiving £100 by means of a forged mortgage deed at Carlisle.

1907, Oct. 28.—Bigamy at Huddersfield by marrying Fanny Henderson Davis.

1908, Nov. 23.—(1) Stealing £50 belonging to Fanny Henderson Davis and Minnie Davis; (2) stealing £45, the moneys of Fanny Henderson Davis.

1908, March 3.—(1) Bigamy at Gloucester by marrying Frances Day; (2) larceny of £124 at Gloucester, the property of Frances Day.

1908, April.—Bigamy at Bristol by marrying Lily Theresa Blandford.

—Mr. Sykes appeared on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions, and Mr. Turner represented prisoner.

The part heard of case of larceny by a bailee of obtaining £100 from Frances Day was first proceeded with.

After the wedding.

—Mrs. Day, whom prisoner married under the name of Arthur John Ford, said the latter urged her to raise money on her interest in her property. At prisoner's request she endorsed the cheque, and on the way back from the wedding ceremony prisoner got out of the cab and cashed the cheque. He promised to transfer the money to a bank in Los Angeles for her, but had not done so. They left the day following the wedding for Southampton, where they took apartments. He sent her to a shop and promised to meet her outside. He was not there when she came out. She did not see her husband again. On examining her portmanteau she missed her gold watch and a chain and locket prisoner had given to her. Witness took out a warrant for his arrest for stealing the £100, jewellery, and other articles. Before the marriage Ford had put all her silver-plate in a deal box which he bought and sent to Southampton, and she never saw it again until she saw it in the bath-room of the house in which prisoner was living with Miss Blandford at Bristol. Mr. Turner objected to the continual changes of charges, remarking that it was unfair. Mr. Sykes: They are all arising out of the same charge.

Witness, in cross-examination, stated that previous to marrying accused she had been a widow for about 28 years. During her widowhood she had kept a lodging-house, and for the last two years had been unfortunate. Prisoner did not advise her to borrow money on her property in order to pay a nephew, who was pressing her for money she owed him. The suggestion was made after she had promised to marry him, and she had not paid any of the money to her nephew. Mr. Turner: Did you borrow money from prisoner, indeed I did not—not a farthing. Did you sell him your silver plate and glass? No, I never sold him anything at all. I sold my furniture to please him for £25, and I ought to have got £75 for it. Mr. Turner: Did you give him £50? No, he took the whole lot except £40 out of the £100, and gave me for cashing my cheque. Det. Insp. Broadbent, of Huddersfield, and Tanner, of Bristol, proved arresting prisoner at Bath-vd., Bristol, on June 15. The latter witness also deposed to receiving from Miss Blandford the gold watch mentioned by Mrs. Day. On searching the house on July 13 he found the plate, which was the property of Mrs. Day. Miss Lily Theresa Blandford said she married accused on April 2 this year. Prisoner had told her he had collected the silver plate, and some had belonged to his mother. Walker pleaded not guilty, and was committed for trial. In the cases of larceny at Huddersfield evidence has already been given as to the notes being obtained through a bank at Skipton.

Under a Delusion.
Det. Insp. Broadbent, of Huddersfield, deposed that when he arrested accused at Bristol and charged him with stealing the moneys mentioned in the charge Walker replied, "It is a delusion; you are under a delusion. It is all a mistake." On searching prisoner witness found 12 £5 notes, seven £10 notes, £20 in gold, and a number of postage stamps. In prisoner's box was a book containing an entry of his marriage at Huddersfield; also found a bag containing a short list of drugs, a cigarette case, and a packet labelled "Poison." Witness received from Miss Davis a

packet, in which were found bottles of drugs and medical books. Mr. Turner: Have you made inquiries as to this man's qualifications as a medical man? No, I have not. Do you know he holds a diploma as a doctor of medicine, and that he is fully qualified as a doctor in the Dominion of Canada? I do not.

Praise for the Police.

Mr. Sykes, I would like to say how much the prosecution are indebted to Insp. Broadbent for the way in which he has conducted the investigations, and made the arrest in this case. Det. Insp. Tanner, of Bristol, stated that it was in tracing a bank-note stolen from Huddersfield that he came across prisoner at Bristol. He sent a description of the man and a copy of his handwriting to Huddersfield. Some days later Det. Insp. Broadbent and Miss Davis came and identified Walker. In calling Miss Davis, witness said what he called a reflection made by Mr. Turner in regard to her aunt. Mr. Turner denied that he cast any reflection upon witness's aunt.

Disappearing Money.

—Miss Davis deposed that when she married Walker they went to London and Torquay for the honeymoon. Witness had sold some furniture belonging to herself and her sister at Skipton. On returning to Huddersfield she put the money, amounting to £35, into a drawer in her bedroom. Subsequently she missed the money and her purse. She had given prisoner the key to take care of it. Prisoner had denied any knowledge of the missing notes, but purported to write to the banks to stop the cashing of the notes. When witness suggested calling in the police Walker said it would spoil all the arrangements for continuing the honeymoon in Edinburgh, and, believing his supposed precautions to be sufficient, she accompanied him to Edinburgh, where he deserted her on the pretence of having a Turkish bath. She traced Walker to Hull, and was later deserted again at Liverpool, where they had gone for



THE RIVER POSTMAN DELIVERING LETTERS. (Advance Photo.)

the boat for New York. In an interview since his arrest, accused had suggested that witness should go to the officials and tell them her notes had got mixed with his, and then he would be liberated. In reply to Mr. Sykes, witness said she did not tell prisoner that she had been married before. She had found in Walker's boxes, left behind at Liverpool, some things that belonged to her. After his arrest witness saw him in prison, and he said, "Why have you done this?"—meaning why had she brought a charge of larceny against him? She told him that it was to prevent other girls suffering as she had done.

Forgiving Wife.

—Mr. Turner: Although he had had your £100 and deserted you in Edinburgh, you traced him to Hull and lived there with him for six weeks as man and wife? Yes.—Did you borrow £30 from him on the way to London? No, I did not. I have never borrowed any money.—Did he give you £30 in the train going to London? No. He gave me a £5 note at Torquay, because I had lost one whilst there.—The Magistrate's Clerk: What do you mean by losing it? It went out of my purse. (Laughter.)—Minnie Davis, a nurse, of Southport, sister of the last witness, bore out the latter's statement with regard to the sale of the furniture at Skipton, and of her sister being deserted at Liverpool. Mr. Sykes regretted that he was precluded from obtaining an examination of certain statements made in cross-examination. At the proper time those imputations would be proved to be groundless. 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THE SCENE YESTERDAY AT CHARING CROSS STATION.

of Landhurst, R.A., were busily engaged in the work of the day, driving drags and pulling drills. At Stonebury Hill, where there is a large barrack camp, officers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th East Anglian Brigades, Royal Field Artillery, all ranks are working in a determined manner.

At Salisbury Plain the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Husbands Co. of London, completed the work of the first week of their training under the command of Col. F. Cooper, commanding the 1st Cavalry Brigade, and a large party of corps that will proceed to the grand camp to-day arrived, and took over their respective camping grounds.

At Aldershot, the London School Volunteers continued their training in 14 C schools are represented, and the number of men engaged about 2,500.

At Bromley, with the Lewisham I.R. C. Club held their weekly sports competition, conditions as for King's first regatta, and the total number of competitors was 300. C. Purvis, 81, H. Hunt, 91, W. C. Pentry, 88.

HEARTLESS CONDUCT.

PAINFUL STORY AT A GREENHITHE INQUEST.

"Horrible!" "Most callous!" "Man. Three were a few of the expressions used by the jury in an inquest at Greenhithe yesterday towards two men who were stated to have allowed two boys drown in the Thames at Swanston without making any effort to save them. The two boys were callous was told by Nelson Wagborn, a fisherman, in giving evidence as to the death of two of his schoolmates, named Lins and Lines, who lost their lives while bathing. Wagborn informed the coroner that he waited on the bank for the boys, who were bathing, and then found that the boys had disappeared, he told the coroner that he did not know what to do. He saw two men coming along, and ran to them, saying, "Oh please, there are two boys under water. They are drowning." He also pointed to where he had seen them.

"LET THE LITTLE DEVILS DROWN."

—The Coroner. And what did they say?—Witness: They said, "Let the little devils drown. They should not be getting into the water."—The Coroner. I thought they didn't believe me, and I showed them the clothes lying on the bank, but they only looked where I pointed and said, "Serve the little devils right, and pass on."—By the Coroner: Did you see the boys under the water?—A Juror: Horrible!—The Foreman: Most callous!—The Coroner: What sort of men were they?—A Juror: Men!—Witness replied that he thought they were labourers. The

disgraceful conduct, adding that the police could have found the men if he would have had them there.

BALLOONING IN FRANCE.—The dirigible balloon "Republique" this morning went for a fight over Paris.—Rente.

Yesterday, Watson Davison, 43, of the Grange, Abiey, Ill., was killed in a balloon fight over Paris. Thomas's Hospital, suffering from fractured ribs, ceased to be, being knocked down by a runaway horse on Westminster Bridge.

The gardens of the Royal Botanic Society in Regent's Park will be opened to the public to-morrow (Bath Holiday) as usual, at a small fee. A military band will play morning and afternoon.

"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL PARTS.

In London 2,368 births and 1,034 deaths were registered last week. The births were 107 and the deaths 207 below the average of the last five years.

The 1,034 deaths included 29 from measles, 10 from scarlet fever, 7 from diphtheria, 14 from whooping-cough, 4 from enteric fever, 42 from diarrhoea, and 57 from different forms of violence.

In Greater London 3,758 births and 1,488 deaths were registered. Allowing for increase of population, these numbers are 107 and 209 below the respective averages in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The deaths registered last week in 76 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 11.9 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 16,234,932 persons in the middle of this year.

In the preceding three weeks the rates had been 11.5, 11.4, and 11.1.

James Halsey Stoddard, a school boy, was killed by a motor omnibus at Coventry.

Daisy Emily Lord, the 19-year-old girl, who was sentenced to death at Guildford for the murder of her child, has been reprieved.

Bermingham Borough Council is circulating the Councils of all the river-side boroughs with a view to their joining in a deputation to the L.C.C. to protest against the sale of the steamboats.

In a printed reply the Chancellor of the Exchequer states that the amount contributed to the revenue per head of the population in the financial year 1907-8 was in England and Wales £3 12s. 9d., in Scotland £3 7s. 8d., and in Ireland £2 3s. 11d.

Mme. Melba has been the recipient of a gold medal from the French Society of Dramatic Authors. The medal was specially struck to commemorate her services at the gala performance at the Paris Opera House.

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The Manx Tynwald Court has passed a motion pressing the question of old-age pensions on the attention of the Governor.

The Holland (Lincolnshire) County Council has decided to purchase a farm of 296 acres for small holdings at £12,750.

The West Riding justices have reduced the movement of the G.N. R. in East Ardsley from £5,482 to £3,607, and allowed the company costs of appeal.

Mr. Chas. Brightman, chairman of the General Shipowners' Society, says that probably at no time, certainly not in his, had the shipping trade been in such a depressed condition as it is at present.

A bullet nearly 2in. in circumference, and weighing 170 grains, has just been extracted from the lower jaw of Constable Haynes, stationed at St. Ives, who received it on the Gambia River in 1894-14 years ago.

In consequence of the official prohibition of further aeroplane trials on the parade ground at Issy, near Paris, owing to the danger to the public, negotiations are pending for the use by aeroplanists of the Longchamps Racecourse.

Not only is the East London Hospital for Children at Shadwell free from debt, but in addition to a substantial balance in hand at the end of the half-year to June 30, £3,000 has been added to the permanent investments.

CLAIM FOR INJURIES IN A DUEL. Lieut. W. Sidorowicz is claiming damages against the Austrian military authorities for injuries received in a duel, which, he says, he was ordered to fight by his colonel. He received injuries which crippled him for life, and was placed on the retired list with a pension.

THE PROTECTION OF PORTERS. For assaulting a railway porter at New Bridge Station, because the latter prevented him from leaving the station without paying his fare, Jno. Smith, 27, a railway fitter, of Queen's Park, Paddington, was at Brentford fined 20s. with the alternative of 14 days' hard labour.

SCHOLARS MUST WEAR HATS. The twin sons and two daughters of a gardener at Dartmouth, named Boon, have been refused admission to a local school because they were hatless. Mr. Boon declines to allow his children to wear hats or caps, and while the dispute between him and the headmaster remains unsettled the children are being kept at home.

Mme. Marie Faurial, who had been married three times, has just died at Layat (Loire, France), at the age of 164.

The total area under wheat in Canada is 7,942,913 acres, an increase of 142,963 acres as compared with last year.

Kate Shepherd, a widow, was at Willenhall fined £50 and costs on a summons for using her yard for the purpose of betting.

A married woman, who was charged at Kingston with having been drunk with an infant in her arms, appeared in the dock with her arms extended, and was fined £50 and costs.

An agreement has been entered into between the Board of Education and the Prussian Kultus Ministerium for the interchange of women secondary school teachers.

"I am poor and I want to see Australia," said a girl of about 16, who was found lurking among the third-class passengers on the mail steamship Oroya, which left Plymouth for Sydney.

Lady George Hamilton, who is staying at Deal Castle, was so affected at seeing a serious accident at Sandwich that in alighting from her motor-car she fell to the ground. Beyond a shaking she received no injuries.

Frightened by the barking of a dog, a horse bolted and threw a Birmingham farmer from his carriage. At Birmingham Assizes the former recovered £75 damages from the owner of the dog.

The Lord Chancellor has been presented with a portrait of himself as a wedding present by his fellow Peers. The presentation was made by Lord Crewe on behalf of the Government, and Lord Lansdowne on behalf of the Opposition peers.

The First Lord of the Admiralty says that the naval works at Rosyth will not be completed until seven years after the contract is let, and that the Admiralty has not sufficient land with which to lay out a garden city.

A HUSBAND'S PREROGATIVE. "I am a lone woman," said an applicant at Marlborough Police Court, who complained of being struck by a man. "If I had a husband to give me a black eye I would not mind. I would put up with it, but I don't like another man to hit me."

REVENGE ON HUMANITY. Louis Sevestre, 49, shot himself in Paris. A letter found in his pocket explained that he had invented a perfect aeroplane, but as men had treated him badly, he had resolved to revenge himself on all humanity by dying with his secret.

CHURCH BICYCLE THIEVES. During the last 12 months more than 100 bicycles have been reported to the Surrey Constabulary as having been stolen from porches of country churches. Capt. Sant, the chief constable of the county, has issued a warning to vicars and churchwardens.

In order to thin the remarkable harvest of plums in the Midlands the fruit is already being gathered.

Gen. Sir G. Higninson and the Hon. Lady Higninson celebrated their golden wedding this week at Marlow. After numerous trials of the airship République, the French Military Commission has definitely decided to purchase it for the French army.

Two cast-iron guns, 4in. long and at least 250 years old, have been brought up during dredging operations at the entrance of Yarmouth Harbour.

Amidst ringing cheers from the entire school, Lord Leithurst, at Eton, gave into the headmaster's charge the Veterans' Shield, won by Old Blonians at Bisleigh.

After a lengthy inquiry at Sheerness the Laid Railway Commission refused to grant an order to construct light railways from Sheerness East to Minister, Sheppey.

When a young man named Adams was summoned at Newport for riotous behaviour, it was stated that at a wedding he and others attempted to rope the married couple together, after a time-honoured custom.

Sulphate of ammonia, which is largely used in agriculture as a chemical manure, and at present costs £12 a ton, is to be produced from peat by a new process, at less than half this price.

A motorist who did not appear in answer to a summons for furious driving at Haywards's Heath, stated to have said that he would "put the case before Parliament and make England ring with it."

The Governor with the advice of the Executive Council of the Leeward Islands has appointed the League of the Empire to act as Agents of that Colony in the United Kingdom for educational purposes. The appointment has been notified to the Imperial Government.

WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED. Nottingham City Council has decided, in view of the large number of men out of employment locally, to raise a loan of £22,000 in order that certain street works might be proceeded with and the levelling of the Forest Recreation Ground commenced.

TRANS OVER NEW BRIDGE. It was announced at the meeting of the Surrey County Council at Kingston that an arrangement had been come to whereby the London United Tramways Co. shall pay the annual sum of £500 to the Surrey and Mid-Surrey County Councils for permission to run trams over New Bridge.

WEALTH FROM A WINDOW. While going to work a Parisian picked up a packet containing £2,000 in securities and £300 in notes. The money proved to be the savings of a wine merchant, who hid it each night under his pillow, and it had been thrown out of the window by his wife while she was making the bed.

MAJ. J. E. Dundas, a member of the Paddington Borough Council, has been elected an alderman of that body.

Sir Theo. Gibson Carmichael, the newly-appointed Governor of Victoria, was on arrival in Melbourne given a hearty welcome.

Being in the Strand at Newark, a boy hooked a dead body, which was subsequently identified as that of Alfred Richardson, aged 15, who had fallen into the river while fishing.

"At midnight the workhouse is like a theatre or an Olympic Stadium," complained the rector of Merthyr at a meeting of the Merthyr Guardians.

The Highway Committee of the L.C.C., at a special meeting, decided to abandon for the present the proposed sale of the Council's steamboats.

The new offices of the British South Africa Co. at 138, Strand were opened by Lord Winchester and Mr. Henry Birkenhead, managing director of the company.

Americans in England have subscribed £134 towards the cost of restoring the church tower at Purbleigh, Essex, where Lawrence Washington, great-grandfather of Gen. Geo. Washington, was formerly rector.

An open verdict was returned at an inquest held at Tottenham on a man who was knocked down in the street and injured by a cow. A girl and several children were also injured by the animal.

For theft of goods while in the employ of Messrs. Hope Brothers (Ld.), Ludgate Hill, Edward J. Payne, 38, a porter, was sentenced at the Mansion House to four months' hard labour, and John Smeens, 16, a clerk, to one month in the second division.

At an inquest at Bangor on a man who was killed in jumping from a moving train at Aber, the engine-driver admitted that he forgot he had to stop his train at Aber, and the guard said that he was so busy among his parcels that he did not notice the train had passed the station.

DEATH FROM OLD AGE. It was stated at a Hackney inquest that Bridget Warren, spinster, of Tudor-place, Hackney, who was in her hundredth year, had died from sheer old age.

MUCH NEEDED RELIEF. Gross profit amounting to £43,831 was earned by the West Ham Corporation Tramways during the year ended March 31, 1908, and £4,378 will go from this source to relieve the rates.

VICAR'S GOLDEN WEDDING. The Vicar of Tonbridge and his wife (the Rev. C. G. and Mrs. Haaker-ville) will celebrate their golden wedding on Sept. 8, and to commemorate the event the inhabitants of the town and district are organising a testimonial, which is being supported by members of all denominations locally.

Lord Cawdor, Treasurer of the London Homoeopathic Hospital, has received a legacy of £1,000 from the estate of the late Mrs. Geo. Fielder.

A bust of the late Lord Tennyson has been placed in a niche of the Louth Grammar School, of which he was a pupil.

Ned Wright, who was at one time a notorious burglar, but who became an evangelist 20 years ago, died suddenly at Tintagel in Cornwall, after concluding a mission.

Accounts of the Yarmouth Corporation which have just been published show that during the past year the income from the beach reached the record sum of £3,321.

Admiral Lord Charles Boscawen, with a strong division of the Channel Fleet, is to visit Scarborough in the first week of September. The visit will extend over four days.

"Now try a month," said Mr. Plowden to a man at Marlborough Police Court who said that he had been to prison for 10 days, and preferred it to breaking stones in the workhouse.

With regard to the number of rats in this country, said Mr. Shipley, F.R.S., at Edinburgh, there was at least one for every man, woman, and child, about 40 millions, or one rat for every acre of land.

For the benefit of the very poorest class the benches of Gray's Inn have resolved that from Aug. 1 to Sept. 30 children (boys over 10 excepted) be admitted to the gardens of the inn on fine days between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Driver Wilton, who stuck to his post and was very seriously injured in the fatal tramway accident that occurred at Bournemouth, on May 1, is able to recommence duty. While retaining his status as a driver he is to be employed as a conductor for the present.

MEAT INSPECTION. Mr. Jno. Burns has been asked by the National Federation of Meat Traders' Associations to receive a deputation urging a uniform system of meat inspection. It is complained that farmers make a practice of fattening their tuberculous animals and selling them to the butchers.

EASILY PROVED. At Acton a woman said that her husband was detaining her furniture. "Mr. King: You are sure it is yours, and you must prove you paid for it out of your own money." Applicant: I can do that, as I have never had a penny from him since we have been married.

PAYMENT OF MEMBERS. In the Portuguese Chamber Senhor Brito Camacho, Republican, has introduced a Bill providing for the payment to deputies of about £66 for each session, subject to deductions for absence without good reason. The Speaker considered that legislative functions should not be the privilege of the rich.

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As Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie were motoring from Skibo Castle, their car collided with another car at Inverness, but no one was injured.

It is in contemplation to prohibit by law, states Mr. Lloyd-George, the use of hop substitutes in the brewing of beer in the United Kingdom.

Wm. Eric Weeder, a share broker, was at Halifax committed for trial on a charge of forging a transfer of shares, the property of a widow.

The University of London has decided to extend the medical course from two and a half years to three years.

Upwards of 20 hay and straw stacks, some farm buildings and agricultural implements were destroyed by fire at Mr. Middlehurst's farm, at Chesterford, Essex.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire opened a new nurses' home at the Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Hospital, which was erected at a cost of £16,000.

Among the features of the Ideal Home Exhibition at Olympia will be a section devoted to "historic homes," in which the furniture of all ages will be shown.

At an average velocity of 2,000 yards a minute, a homing pigeon belonging to Mr. Buckley, of Clive, near Wilmshurst, has just flown a distance of 69 miles.

The King has directed that the Edward medal of the second class be given to the widows of Rbt. Pattinson and Matthew Hilliard, who were killed in trying to save a comrade at Roscommon Colliery, Cumberland, last January.

The tradesmen's associations of Southend and Westcliff have addressed a joint letter to the clergy of the district complaining of the harm done to shopkeepers and others by bazaars and sales of work, and suggesting the substitution of thank-offering days.

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2. Said the New York belle a - looking at her beau, "I

count - ed of - gar - ette, When her beau came by, and he said, "Oh, my! What you smok - ing there, my
guess it's a rare fine joke, If a gal like me, who is fan - cy free, Can't have a cigar - ette

pet - You've been to the ball with a lot of coons, And I guess you feel your feet, But a
smoke!" Then a cloud of smoke in his face she puffed, And sud - den like she found, As she

CHORUS.

K. You'll ex - cuse me if I say..... Don't smoke that smoke, Ca - ro - li - na, Or
pop, And her beau cried, "Ease her! stop!"..... Just then her ci - gar - ette went

else you'll be ill all day..... Take my tip, Car - o - li - na, And throw that smoke a -

way; It may be filled with dy - na - mite by some mad jea - lous beau. And if

1st time. 2nd time. D.S.

it goes off it will make you cough, Car - o - li - na, let go!..... Don't go!.....

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for show cause why Letters of Administration should not be granted to MARY SCHOFIELD JAMES JENNINGS CAMPBELL and HENRY REYNOLDS SCHOFIELD as the legal personal representatives of JAMES SCHOFIELD the deceased, with an assignment that in default of your appearance Letters of Administration should be granted to the said MARY SCHOFIELD JAMES JENNINGS CAMPBELL and HENRY REYNOLDS SCHOFIELD.

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Selected candidates will have notice to attend third-class railway fare will be paid.

The appointments will be made subject to provisions of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, and to a certificate of sound health the Guardians' Resident Medical Officer.

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